

Our Young People

One Thing I Have Learned from Paul's Life or Writings.—Acts 9:1-22

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We learn largely in this life by imitation. A bad example will render powerless a cart-load of good precepts. One recites to the teacher in school but gets a large part of his education from his playmates. We can best grasp the meaning of the Christ-life by beholding a man who lives it. Such a man was Paul. As you search the details of his life he rises before you in grandeur until you are lost in admiration. One evening is too short to touch upon half the lessons which may be learned from him. It would be well if the leader would give out topics a week beforehand for short talks or papers. The references below are arranged with this in mind and may be used in such study. Some one may want to preach a whole sermon about Paul, in fact anyone who studies his life will feel like it but it will be better if everyone will in just a few sentences of helpful experience tell of something learned from his life. One will say "I have learned how to learn from my afflictions from II Cor. 12:7, 8," another "I too am learning to do things which were otherwise impossible, 'thru Christ which strengtheneth me," etc.

PAUL

1. An example of "a man in Christ," II Cor. 12:2.
2. "Singleness of purpose" in life and being, Phil. 3:13, 14, in knowing, I Cor. 2:2, in preaching, I Cor. 1:23, in glorying, Gal. 1:14, in doing, Acts 20:24.
3. "Dead to the world," Acts 20:24; Gal. 1:16; Gal. 6:14.
4. Brotherly love, Acts 20:19, 31; II Cor. 2:4; II Cor. 11:28; Rom. 9:3; II Cor. 6:11.
5. Live that you may say, "Be ye imitators of me," I Cor. 4:16; Phil. 4:9.
6. Help yourself, Acts 20:34, and trust God, II Tim. 4:17, 18.
7. Illustrations of boldness, Acts 9:20; 13:15, 16; 15:25, 26; 17:22, etc.
8. Sense of duty, I Cor. 9:16.
9. The secret of his power, I Cor. 2:3; I Tim. 1:12.
10. The secret of his endurance, Phil. 4:3.
11. The secret of his humility, I Cor. 15:9; II Cor. 12:7, 8.
12. The secret of his success, I Cor. 15:10.
13. Paying the cost of power, Acts 9:6; II Cor. 6:5-10; 11:27.
14. Consideration for others, I Cor. 8:13.
15. Being careful for the cause, II Cor. 6:3; I Cor. 9:12.
16. Suffering an element of training, Acts 9:16; I Cor. 4:9.
17. Despair of no man. The chief of sinners may yet be a chosen vessel, Acts 9:13-15; I Tim. 1:15, 16.
18. The unconverted may think they do God service, I Tim. 1:13.
19. In all sorts of circumstances be content, Phil. 4:11; Acts 16:25; II Cor. 11:21-29.
20. Yet Paul was not divine but a mortal such as we with like possibilities. How should this help us? His zeal was one of his chief characteristics. It flames from every utterance. Other traits may be discussed but let every lesson be woven into each one's own life that it may be more faithful thereby.

IMPORTANT TO ALL OUR READERS

It is with not a little pleasure that the editor approaches the theme of this article, as it has been in my heart for several months. We are thrilled with gratitude to Almighty God, for the good we have been permitted to be instrumental in accomplishing thro the King's Children Society, and thro the King's

Children paper which has been published continuously since the first copy was issued in 1893. It was in the King's Children session of the conference that the greatest impetus has been given the missionary work of the church, and it is in the columns of the King's Children paper, that many of the best articles in the interest of missions have appeared to the brotherhood. In fact the mission work of the church has been the field of the society, and the function of the paper.

Now after four years of publication during which we feel confident the paper has been a blessing, for which we wish to heartily thank our friends who have made it so, we have come to another stage in the progress of the work, and feel that certain changes should be made, for the reasons given below.

The editor having been elected as president of the General Mission work of the church, and being called also into the evangelistic work of the Illiokota district, and this with my pastoral duties demand of me so much, that I feel that I can not longer give the time that should be devoted by an editor to the paper. And, inasmuch as we have been going through very close times, financially, and desire to bring every resource to the support of the EVANGELIST as our church paper, and to the S. S. literature, which we can not do without, we have decided to indefinitely postpone the publication of the Kings Children paper for the present with this issue.

It must not be understood that this is in any way to effect the organization of the King's Children Society, or our work. The work of the society will go on as usual, only we hope that we will be enabled to inaugurate a spiritual onward movement in the way of missionary convention, which we think will be of greater importance at this time than the publication of the paper, seeing we can not give to them both the time that each would require.

The work of the society will be carried on through its department in the EVANGELIST, which will emphasize that department in that paper, and will be a more pronounced feature in it, in the future than it has been in the past. So that in this move, which we think is prudent, at this time, the resources, and powers of the King's Children paper will be thrown into the EVANGELIST pages, until such a time as our workers may deem prudent to continue the publication of the King's Children paper.

Let all our workers take hold of the work and push it in the columns of the EVANGELIST.

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them at the correct rate for the EVANGELIST, to the amount due them.

We should accustom ourselves to say, "our church." The services are our services. It is our duty to be present and welcome the stranger. It is our duty to encourage the pastor by our presence and response and prayer. It is our duty to attend and sustain the social and devotional meetings. —George R. Leavitt.

TO MAUD L.

"And she said unto me 'Write.'"

I received a gentle reminder lately from a little bit of a Western maiden of twelve summers that "I ought to write more for the EVANGELIST." Just so, little sister, we do not do our duty, if we can, yet do not, write for our church paper. We all love to read it. It is so clean and pure and so full of good news and good essays that I am sorry every girl and boy in America whose father and mother belong to the Brethren church can not have the pleasure of reading it. And the good editor has made the price so low that all can take it. Just think that for less than two cents we can get sixteen pages of the *best* reading matter every week.

I was just wondering how many little boys and girls of twelve years or less were members of the Brethren church. We have several in our congregation. Did you ever read the beautiful story of Samuel, recorded in I Samuel 3? The little, honest, simple-hearted boy was so young when the Lord called him, and when he knew it was the Lord he just replied, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth." Would it not be so good if every boy and girl would answer that way when they first hear the "still, small voice?" There are thousands of them all over the country just like you and they all ought to come to the church and obey the dear Lord in baptism, and in faith and repentance and every good work. If we could only get them to come to Christ in the earliest dawn of life's fair morning it would make them so happy. He says, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." We who are growing old and gray-haired have found long ago that this is so beautifully and sweetly true, and "more precious than gold yea than much fine gold."

I wish I knew how many little brothers and sisters we have who are twelve years old and under. Would it not be a beautiful sight to see them all in a procession? Well, after a while we will see them all marching thro the golden streets in the new Jerusalem, clothed in white, with a great multitude which no one can number. Will not our little maiden of the West come now and have "her name written in the Lamb's book of life" so that she can march in that procession?

I would love to hear of some who will open their hearts to the dear Lord when they read this. It is not meant for the Western girl alone but for all who read it.

When the voice of the Lord is heard in your heart do not say like Felix did in Acts 24:25, "Go thy way for this time when I